(d) what steps Government are taking to grant land ownership rights to small tea growers, which would enable them to get bank finance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No Sir. Processing units are set up by plantation owners/entrepreneurs themselves

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The Government of Assam has been requested to make necessary arrangements for regularisation of the ownership of the lands where tea cultivation has already been taken up by the small growers.

Proposals under IIUS in A.P.

170. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government has submitted some proposals for approval under Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the proposals for an artificial jewellery cluster in Machilipatnam of Krishana district and aquaculture cluster in Bhimvaram-Vishakhapatnam Zone have been rejected, without any valid reasons; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Proposals for aqua culture cluster Bhimvaram-Vishakhapatnam Zone and artificial jewellery cluster in Machilipatnam of Krishana district were not found in conformity with the parameters of the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme and therefore, could not be considered for sanction.